Rise in the cases of AIDS in Delhi

*112. SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to satte:

(a) whether it is a fact that AIDS cases in Delhi are on the rise;

(b) if so, what is the annual percentage of rise in AIDS cases in Delhi and what are the areas in the city which have shown rise in such cases;

(c) how does the rise in AIDS cases in Delhi compare with the annual percentage of rise in other metropolitan cities in the country; and

(d) what measures have been taken so far or proposed to be taken to check the spread of AIDS?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There is 45 per cent increase in the number of AIDS cases reported in Delhi upto November 1994 (61 cases) when compared with November 1993 (42 cases). The surveillance is anonymous and confidential.

(c) The rate of in case in AIDS cases in different Metros is variable e.g. in Bombay the increases is about 125 per cent, in Calcutta about 60 per cent and in Madras about 80 per cent.

(d) A National Programme for the prevention and control of AIDS as a Centrally Sponsored Scheme is currently under implementation throughout the country including Delhi. The strategies of the programme consist of generation of awareness amongst high risk behaviour and general public about HIV/AIDS, control of sexually Transmitted Dieseases. Blood Safety and Rational use of Blood, better Surveillance; and diagnosis and Clinical Management of HIV/AIDS cases.

Industrial Pollution in Gujrat

*113. SHRIMATI CHANDRIKA ABHINANDAN JAIN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the measures/steps taken so far by Government to check the pollution being spread recklessly by the various industrial institutions situated in South Gujarat Region i.e., Vapi, Ankleshwar, Baroda, Surat, Hazira, Bharuch, Udhana, Sachin and Atul of the Gujarat State;

(b) whether any measures/action has been taken against the institutions spreading pollution in the South Gujarat region during the last three years, yearwise; if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government and the said institutions are going to introduce a time-bound programme to check the industrial pollution in the South Gujarat region.

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefore?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a)The Gujarat Pollution Control Board has undertaken intensive monitoring of polluting industries in South Gujarat Region through their regional and subregional laboratories. Vapi and Ankleshwar have been identified as critically polluted area and action plan to control industrial pollution in respect of Vapi has been prepared.

(b) Yes, Sir. The Gujarat Pollution Control Board has filed cases against the defauling industrial units under the provisions of the water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 The details of the cases filed during the last three years in

South Gujarat region are as under:

Number of cases filed under the water and Air Acts

Water Act			Air Act		
1991 92	1992-93	1993-94	1991-92	1992-93	1993-94
185	75	39	6	....	....

Notices issued under the water and Air Acts

Notices issued under section 31—A of the Air Act.			Notices issued under the Water Act, 1974 and Air Act, 19981		
1991-92	1992-93	1993-94	1991-92	1992-93	1993-94
14	45	72	48	56	197

(c) and (d) The large and medium scale industries have already taken measures by installing effluent treatment plant and air pollution control systems. All such units located at Hazira, Udhana and Atul have installed pollution control systems. For small scals units located in GIDC (Gujarat Industrial Development Corporation) Estates at Vapi, Ankleshwar and Sachin, GIDC has already worked out a time bound programme for providing an effluent collection and disposal system.

(e) Does not arise.

Konkan Railway Project

*114. DR. BAPU KALDATE:
SHRI G. Y. KRISHNAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the progress of Konkan Rail Project has been held up when the project is nearing completion;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps hvae been taken by Government to remove the hurdles and to speed up its completion according to the schedule?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The work is in progress as per schedule.

Allegations against the director of Central Institute of Psychiatry

*115. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received complaints from the Central Government Hospital Workers Union affiliated to AITUC of Central Institute of psychiatry (CIP) Kanke, Ranchi about interferance in the Unions's activities by Director of CIP, Kanke; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and what action has been taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b)The matter is under examination.